

MINUTES OF THE ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 12, 2010

The regular township monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Lynn Huotari, Jim Saur, Deb Maki, Margaret Lindeman, and Bob Sibilsky.

MINUTES OF MEETING: The minutes of the January 14, 2010 meeting were read and approved. Motion to approve: Saur/Huotari all voted aye.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Huotari and accepted as given. The fund balances are as follows: Citizen's Bank CD \$7,474.21, SNB General Account \$20,872.10, MBIA Fire Fund \$27,398.65, MBIA General Fund \$75,436.04, MBIA Tax Fund \$9,433.50, SNB Tax Acc, t \$22,599.59.

CORRESPONDENCE:

SNOWPLOWING UPDATE: DMC CONTRACTING is currently filling in for Bill Meier due to illness in the Meier family.

Michigan State University invited us to a Land Policy Institute to be held February 22, 2010 at Finlandia University the primary topic was Wind Farm Development.

OLD BUSINESS:

BERM PROJECT: Jim Saur indicated that new grant money may be available and he asked if the board wanted to renew its efforts to obtain funding. The board agreed to pursue.

COMPUTER UPGRADE: Lynn Huotari suggested that the office computer memory needed upgrading. Deb Maki is going to check with Computer Mechanics for a recommendation.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Budget Amendments were made to the fire fund equipment mtce. And the clerk's travel.
- Township Hall/New Tanker/USDA: Township bldg. modifications to accommodate space needs for storage and possible larger tanker needs were discussed with the Department of Agriculture. Grant money may be available to fund these needs. Supervisor Maki to contact U.P. Engineering for assistance in grant preparation.
- Garbage pickup contract due to expire in March. A price from Stump-Jumpers was received @ \$3155.00mo. for 5 years. Waste Management also wanted to continue with our present contract. Our stops are 58 in winter and 91 in the summer.

- **POVERTY GUIDELINE AMENDMENT:** Revised guidelines were presented to the board for approval. Motion to approve new guidelines: Saur/Sibilsky, all voted aye.

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE: Chairman Shawn Hagan gave the board an update on the meeting with WUPPDR's Nels Anderson relevant to the mapping process. Hands on explanation followed the earlier planning commission meeting.

On line training for the planning study at MSU is continuing for Shawn and Doris Johnson. (Michigan Citizen Planner)

It was further suggested that the upgrade of our township computer would help the mapping process.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Jack Reiss spoke to his concern regarding location of garbage cans on his intersection of Lake Gerald Rd and Cottage Lane.

Twin Lakes Business Assoc. is sponsoring a Rummage sale at the Community Building. June 19, 2010.

Twin Lakes Fire Dept pancake breakfast is scheduled for July 11, 2010.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: Motion to pay the township bills: Huotari/Lindeman

All voted aye--\$8,932.43

NEXT MEETING: March 18, 2010

ADJOURMENT: Motion to adjourn: Saur/Huotari all voted aye

Robert L. Sibilsky, Clerk

Deb Maki, Supervisor